

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Do the men who plan network TV schedules use an ouija board or a crystal ball? In either case, what do they have planned for the eyestrain of the great American public next season?"

Whether they use balls or boards is a well-kept Madison Avenue secret but last week all three networks announced their entertainment schedules for the fall. Mostly this means that several old names will be dropped from the network address books like former friends who never repaid you for that dinner party.

Among the missing will be some of television's best programs and their replacements, at this point, offer only the promise of helping viewers forget their old favorites. But even "Abie's Irish Rose" eventually rang down its curtain. So it is with TV shows.

NBC has six cancellations: "I Spy," "Run for Your Life," "I Dream of Jeannie," "The Danny Thomas Show," "Tarzan" and "The Monkees." It now appears that the "Bell Telephone Hour's" time slot on alternate Fridays will be occupied by "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" while the excellent Bell Hour will ring less frequently as a floating special.

NBC's new fall replacement programs will be a Sunday night variety hour to follow "Bonanza" with a host who has not yet been announced but may be Ernie Ford; "Huck Finn," a Sunday series combining live actors and animated cartoon characters; "Adam 12," a new Jack Webb series which is described as

Fun For Girls

Girls between 10 and 14 have been invited to join the Girls' Activity Club of the Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Ave. In addition to regular meetings, Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., the girls are planning many springtime activities, including a kite-making party and field trip to the Griffith Park Observatory and zoo.

"a far out police drama"; "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," based on the 1947 movie which starred Rex Harrison and Gene Tierney; "The Outsider," with Darrin McGavin, and "Name of the Game," a 90-minute series with Tony Franciosa, Robert Stack and Gene Barry.

Inasmuch as the last two are, like "Ironside," based on successful NBC movies-for-TV first shown on the network's "World Premiere" series, NBC will have, in effect, a feature movie every night of the week except Sunday.

The final status of NBC's "Wild Kingdom" is still undecided but, at present, it is being considered for a move to late afternoon or early evening on the fall schedule.

CBS will cancel "He and She," "Good Morning World," "Lost in Space," and "Cimarron Strip." Their new fall replacements will be "The Doris Day Show," "Lancer," which is described as "a family type Western"; "Good Guys," a situation comedy; Hawaii Five-O," a one-hour police adventure drama with palm trees; and "Blondie," a comic strip character which has emerged in every medium including plaster-of-Paris.

Rather than cancel "The Andy Griffith Show," CBS will cleverly transform it into "Mayberry R.F.D." starring Ken Berry. Griffith will appear in one out of four of the new shows.

ABC network cancellations are "The Invaders," "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," "Batman," "Cowboy in Africa," and "Felony Squad."

ABC replacements are "Mod Squad," "The Outcasts," "That's Life," "Here Come Brides," "The Ugliest Girl in Town," "Tales of the Unknown," and "Land of the Giants" which will replace "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" and will be produced by the same producer, Irving Allen. These change-overs will take place in the fall but apparently ABC is so eager to clip "Batman's" wings that his last flight will be March 21. A week later the Batcave will be redecorated for a new series titled "Dream House."



HONOR ATTORNEY . . . Larry Lackman, a Long Beach attorney, accepts an award of appreciation for a presentation before the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors from L. Milton Isbell, program chairman for the Realtors. At right is Ken Beckett, program committee member, of Ken Peters Realty. Lackman discussed contracts at a meeting of the board.

April 15 Deadline Set for Veteran's Tax Exemptions

County Assessor Philip E. Watson has announced that veteran exemption claim forms had been mailed to 197,750 veterans who last year qualified for the exemption. Deadline for filing is April 15.

At the same time, Watson reminded men who had been in service on or after Aug. 5, 1964, and who own property

subject to the property tax, that they are now eligible to apply for the \$1,000 in assessed value exemption.

Prior to this year, servicemen who had entered service after Jan. 31, 1955, were not eligible for the exemption.

AS A RESULT of another legislative change enacted at the last session, veteran exemption claims will be audited by the county auditor to determine if the veteran has accurately declared the amount and value of his property claim form.

Any veteran whose service record is on file with the assessor and who has not received a claim form in the mail may request one by calling the assessor's office.

Forms may also be obtained in Room 225 of the Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, or at 2049 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita.

A veteran who is filing for the first time must appear in person at any assessor's office, bringing with him a copy of his service record and, if he owns real property, his

Youngsters Injured in Bike Mishap

Two boys on a bicycle were injured Wednesday night as they darted from a driveway into the path of a car on Anza Avenue.

Seven-year-old Steven Carr, 23034 Anza Ave., suffered a possible fractured left leg, while his passenger on the bike, John Hansford, 10, of 23019 Kathryn Ave., received multiple bruises.

Driver of the car, Mrs. William Wood, 20360 Anza Ave., was not charged.

Earnings Increase, But Buying Power Declines

Weekly earnings of Torrance area factory workers increased by an average of 4.1 per cent during 1967, but a sharp rise in consumer prices prevented any gain in buying power, according to a report just issued by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

Weekly earnings were an average of 4.1 per cent higher in January, 1968, than in January, 1967, the Chamber report said. Average earnings were \$135.75 per week, compared to \$130.38 for January, 1967.

THE RECORD high was es-

Area Mayors Back Hahn's Campaign

Mayors of every city in the second supervisorial district have volunteered to serve as honorary chairmen of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's campaign for re-election.

The mayors, in endorsing Hahn's re-election bid, unanimously cited the supervisor's record and close cooperation with municipal agencies.

Mayors endorsing Hahn for a new term include Albert Isen of Torrance, Dan Patachia of Culver City, Robert R. Kane of Gardena, Hugh Cunningham of Hawthorne, William Goedike of Inglewood, Morris A. Hooper Jr. of Lawndale, and John D. Byork of Lynwood.

To be eligible for the exemption — which allows a \$1,000 reduction in assessed value to county-taxable property — the veteran must either have been a resident of California as of Nov. 3, 1964, or have entered the service from California. His property cannot exceed \$5,000 if single or \$10,000 if married.

Watson urged every veteran applying for the exemption to read the instructions carefully before filling in the form. All items must be answered.

established in December, 1967, when weekly earnings averaged more than \$136.

Despite the increase in wages, however, the buying power for a factory worker with three dependents dropped by 0.5 per cent after adjustments for over-the-year changes and taxes and price increases.

Increases in consumer prices accounted for most of the decline, the Chamber report noted.

THE MEASURE of gross weekly earnings is a composite figure representing a wide variety of industries in the area, the Chamber said. In January, the average earnings in these industries ranged from \$81.25 per week for leather products to \$163.16 in petroleum refining.

The week for manufacturing employees averaged 40.9 hours, down from 41.2 hours from in December.

Lenten Services Planned

Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, Marcelina and Arlington avenues, will hold special evening services during the Lenten season.

Today at 7:30 p. m., the Rev. Wendell Jones of the Evangelical church of Long Beach, will be guest speaker. Special music will be provided by Patrick Donley.

Nineteen young people of the church's Christian Endeavor Society spent a recent weekend at winter camp. Those attending were Pam and Penny Hoy, Karina Huber, Glenn, Doug and Marcia Barney, Dale Scovill, Linda Kelly, Judy and Carol Palmer, Debbie Warning, Donna and Paula Smith, Gary Meyer, Eddie Wright, Bob Butler, and Lynette McNeas.

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